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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BELMONT)

Group Art Unit: 1623

Application No.: 09/672,328)

Examiner: OH, TAYLOR V.)

Filed: September 29, 2000)

For: MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING STERIC AND AMPHIPHILIC GROUPS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001 regarding the above-identified application, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 4, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 6-7, and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Adams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,698,016). The Examiner asserts that Adams et al. discloses a modified pigment, such as carbon black, having attached at least one organic group and an amphiphilic group, which can have a charge opposite to that of the